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COMMERCIAL RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURE AREA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of bio-tech companies are conducting commercial research in the area of agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether their research results are being monitored/verified by any Government agencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As ascertained from the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, which is the nodal Department of Biotechnological Research in the country, there are 23 companies in the agricultural sector using biotechnology. All the 23 companies are pursuing commercial research in agriculture using biotechnological tools. List of the companies are enclosed in Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) : Research Results are being monitored by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology and Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

ANNEXURE-I

List of Modern Biotechnology Companies conducting commercial research in the area of Agriculture.

S. No.	Name of the company	Nature of Work
1.	Ankur Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur.	Transgenic Crops
2.	Ajeet Seeds Co. Ltd., Aurangabad	Transgenic Crops
3.	Avestha Gengrainc Technologies Pvt. Ltd.,Bangalore, Karnataka	Transgenic Crops
4.	Mahendra Hybrid Seeds Co. Ltd., Hyderabad	Transgenic Crops
5.	Nuziveedu Seeds Limited, Hyderabad	Transgenic Crops
6.	Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Co. Ltd., Mumbai	Transgenic Crops
7	J.K. Seeds Ltd., Secunderabad	Transgenic Crops
8.	Gangamai Sugar Industries Ltd., Aurangabad	Transgenic Crops
9.	Syngeta India Pvt. Limited, Aurangabad	Transgenic Crops
10.	Monsanto India Pvt. Limited, Bangalore	Transgenic Crops
11.	SPIC Ltd., Chennai	Transgenic Crops
12.	Indo-American Hybrid Seeds (India) Pvt. Ltd.,Bangalore	Transgenic Crops
13.	Metahelix Life Sciences Private Limited, Bangalore	Transgenic Crops
14.	Maharashtra State Seeds Corporation Ltd., Akola	Transgenic Crops
15.	Proagro Seed Company Ltd., Gurgaon	Transgenic Crops
16.	Nath Seed Company Ltd., Aurangabad	Transgenic Crops
17.	Tulasi Seeds Private Limited, Hyderabad	Transgenic Crops

18. De-Nocil Crop Protection Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai	Transgenic Crops
19. Rasi Seeds (P) Ltd., Attur, Hyderabad	Transgenic Crops
20. Hybrid Rice International Ltd., Hyderabad	Transgenic Crops
21. Krishdhan Seeds Ltd., Hyderabad	Transgenic Crops
22. Nandi Seeds Co. Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad	Transgenic Crops
23. Rallis Co. Ltd., Bangalore	Transgenic Crops